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FOLLOWING SENT BRASILIA, BUENOS AIRES, RECIFE, RIO DE JANEIRO,  
SAO PAULO FROM SECSTATE ON AUG 02, RPTD TO YOU:

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REF: (A) BRASILIA A-33; (B) BRASILIA 3895;

(C) BRASILIA 4075; (D) BRASILIA 4340

1. AT A MEETING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN INTER-AGENCY NARCO-  
TICS CONTROL COMMITTEE ON JULY 18, THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS  
WERE TAKEN:

(A) THE COMMITTEE RECOGNIZED THAT THE NARCOTICS  
INTELLIGENCE CENTER WAS THE CAPSTONE OF THE EMBASSY NARCO-  
TIC ACTION PLAN. HOWEVER, IT WAS ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT THE  
BRAZILIAN FEDERAL POLICE ARE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN AREAS  
OTHER THAN NARCOTICS CONTROL, SUCH AS POLITICAL AND  
SOCIAL CONTROVERSIES AND CENSORSHIP. SINCE THERE IS NO  
GUARANTEE THAT THE TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED IN SUCH A CENTER  
WOULD NOT BE APPLIED TO THESE OTHER MISSIONS, CONSIDERATION  
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OF THE NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE CENTER WAS DEFERRED PENDING

REVIEW AND EVALUATION BY AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS.

(B) THE COUNTRY NARCOTICS ACTION PLAN WAS APPROVED.

(C) THE COUNTRY BUDGET PROPOSAL WAS APPROVED WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BELOW.

2. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT (REF. D, PARA 6A). ASSISTANCE TO THE FEDERAL POLICE NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS. 97,000 REPRESENTING 10 PERCENT OF

THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE NETWORK INCLUDING (10 VHF TRANSCEIVERS, STATIONARY; 23 VHF TRANSCEIVERS, MOBILE, AND 20 VHF WALKIE-TALKIES) WAS APPROVED. THIS AMOUNT WAS CONSIDERED AN APPROPRIATE PROPORTIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITY OF THE FEDERAL POLICE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE OTHER MISSIONS OF THE POLICE MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1A ABOVE, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT EXIM BANK FINANCING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE. EXIM BANK FINANCING COULD BE EXPLORED, OF COURSE, FOR A POSSIBLE STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL SALE. THE OBSERVATION WAS ALSO MADE THAT THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF MOBILE TRANSCEIVERS SHOULD BE CLOSELY REVIEWED BY THE EMBASSY SINCE THE ASSIGNMENT OF 10 SUCH UNITS TO BRASILIA APPEARED DISPROPORTIONATE.

3. RIVER LAUNCHES (REF. D, PARA 6B). ASSISTANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 8 RIVER LAUNCHES BY THE FEDERAL POLICE WAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE. CONSIDERATION OF A WAIVER TO SUPPLY BRAZIL-PRODUCED BOATS WAS DEFERRED PENDING A COMPARISON WITH US COSTS FOR SIMILAR LAUNCHES. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT MORE COMPLETE SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUCH LAUNCHES. BEFORE FUNDS ARE ALLOTTED FOR THIS PURPOSE, EMBASSY REQUESTED REVIEW BRAZILIAN OPERATION PLANS FOR LAUNCHES AND DETERMINE THAT IT PROVIDES FOR ADEQUATE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE THESE CRAFT. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED OBTAIN ASSURANCES BUDGETARY RESOURCES FOR SUCH OPERATIONS.

4. OTHER MATERIALS (REF. D, PARA 6B). THE NARCOTICS IDENTIFICATION KITS WERE APPROVED AS WERE THE BINOCULARS. ON THE LATTER A DETERMINATION WOULD BE MADE TO ASCERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL

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WHETHER AN ADEQUATE QUANTITY OBTAINABLE FROM SURPLUS STOCK AT A MUCH LOWER UNIT COST. THE QUANTITY REQUESTED FOR 35 MM. CAMERAS WAS CONSIDERED TOO HIGH FOR THE RELATIVE LEVEL OF TRAINING OF THE FEDERAL POLICE AND IN VIEW OF THE HIGH UNIT COST OF THE ITEM, APPROVAL WAS GRANTED FOR ONLY SIX SUCH CAMERAS. THE COMMITTEE INDICATED THAT A REQUEST FOR LESS COSTLY AND COMPLEX CAMERA EQUIPMENT WOULD BE ENTERTAINED FOR THE BALANCE.

5. STATE POLICE (REF. D, PARA 7). APPROVAL WAS GRANTED FOR THE NARCOTICS IDENTIFICATION KITS AND BINOCULARS. THE REQUEST FOR CAMERAS WAS WITHDRAWN.

6. EQUIPMENT FOR BRAZILIAN CUSTOMS (REF. D, PARA 8). IT WAS POINTED OUT BY THE COMMITTEE THAT US IN-COUNTRY TRAINING TEAMS CARRIED THEIR OWN SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT AND THE REQUEST FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT WAS WITHDRAWN.

APPROVAL WAS GRANTED FOR THE CLOSED CIRCUIT TV SYSTEM THE NARCOTICS TEST KITS AND THE SPECIAL MIRRORS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE UNSATISFACTORY NATURE OF THE BRAZILIAN REQUEST FOR CUSTOMS EQUIPMENT IT WAS DECIDED THAT A CUSTOMS SURVEY WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN BRAZIL BY A US EXPERT.

7. DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN (REF. D, PARA 10). IN CONSIDERING THE EMBASSY REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF VISITS BY US LECTURERS TO BRAZIL, IT WAS NOTED THAT THE SAME OBJECTIVES COULD BE MET BY A US DRUG EDUCATION SEMINAR NOW IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT. IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WOULD SEEK SPACE FOR THREE BRAZILIAN PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SEMINAR INCLUDING FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.

8. TRAVEL AND TRAINING (REF. D, PARA 11). TRAINING FOR 36 BRAZILIAN AGENTS WAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE, THE TIMING OF SUCH TRAINING TO BE DETERMINED IN LIGHT OF WORLDWIDE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL WILL BE FUNDED BY US FOR THE FIRST GROUP OF TRAINEES OF FEDERAL AND STATE POLICE AND GOB WILL BE ADVISED ALL FUTURE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT GOVERNMENT. APPROVAL WAS ALSO GRANTED FOR FINANCING

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THE IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL OF A PILOT BRAZILIAN FEDERAL POLICE TRAINING UNIT IN ORDER TO ADMINISTER INTENSIVE THREE-DAY COURSES TO BRAZILIAN STATE POLICE.

9. COST SHARING WITH AID (REF. D, PARA 12). IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT AID EXPENSES IN ADMINISTERING THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM WOULD BE ABSORBED BY AID BRASILIA AS PART OF ITS NORMAL BUDGET.

10. STAFF (REF. D, PARA 13). THE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS WAS QUESTIONED AND THE REQUESTS FOR ONE LOCAL EMPLOYEE FOR LIAISON WITH FEDERAL POLICE AND ONE LOCAL SECRETARY WAS WITHDRAWN. THE EMBASSY COORDINATOR AGREED TO PROVIDE FURTHER JUSTIFICATION FOR THE TRANSLATOR.

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